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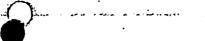
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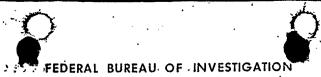
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WFO contemplates no further action in this matter at this time.

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WILSON is also President of Consultants International, Washington, D. C.

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Review of Standard and Poor's Register 1976 established the following California companies as dealing in explosives:

- 1. Aerojet General Corporation El Monte, California
- Celesco Industries, Incorporated Costa Mesa, California
- 3. Hi-Shear Corporation Torrance, California
- 4. Networks Electronic Corporation Chatsworth, California
- 5. Whittaker Corporation Los Angeles, California
- 6. Physics International Company San Leandro, California

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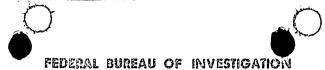
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On January 24, 1977, the following investigation was conducted by the Washington Field Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation:

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| On February 1, 1977, SA |
| Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (BATF), Headquarters, advised a Federal Bureau of Investigation Headquarters |
| representative that FRANCIS EDWARD TERPIL, EDWIN PAUL WILSON are not licensed by the U.S. Treasury Department to deal in explosive devices. |

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FRANK E. TERPIL was contacted at Dulles International Airport (DIA), Loudoun County, Virginia, prior to his departure on Pan American Flight 2 bound for New York City and London, England.

Special Agent (SA) advised
TERPIL that an investigation concerning his possible
involvement in a Foreign Agents Registration Act violation
was being conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation
(FBI). TERPIL was informed that numerous attempts to
contact him had met with negative results. TERPIL denied
any attempt to avoid being contacted and agreed to be
intervieved upon his return to the United States on
February 11, 1977. TERPIL advised he would telephonically
contact the Alexandria FBI Office on February 11, 1977,
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On February 11, 1977, FRANCIS E. TERPIL failed to contact the Alexandria FBI office to schedule an interview date and time.

Attempts to contact TERPIL at his office proved negative and on February 16, 1977, an unidentified female stated that TERPIL was again out of the country.

It is apparent TERPIL is avoiding contact with the FBI and has no intention of submitting to an interview.

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At the outset, WILSON advised that on the advice of his attorney, who he did not care to name, he would not make any statements concerning this investigation. WILSON advised that his financial records show nothing incriminating, however, WILSON would not voluntarily make these records available.

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LEARNED THE CIA HAD BEEN LOOKING INTO REPORTS THAT A FORMER

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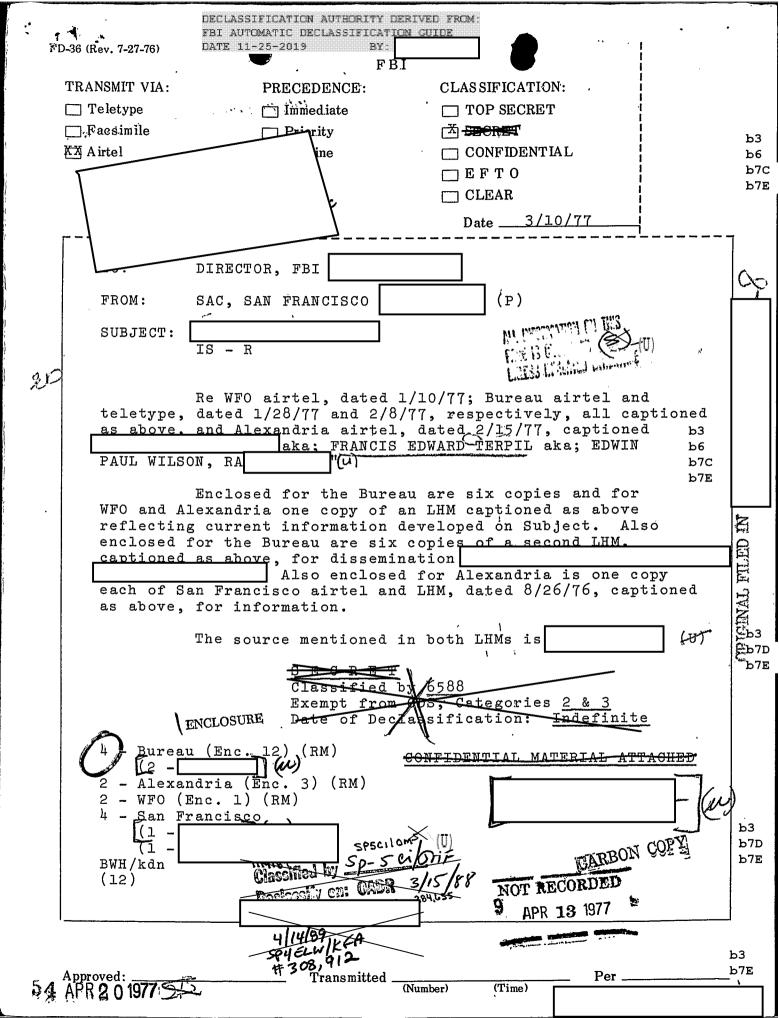
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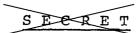
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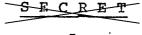


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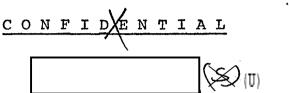
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| SAconducted the following investigation: | b6 b70 |
| Celesco Industries, Inc., 3333 Harbor Boulevard, Costa Mesa, California 92626, telephone advised their explosives products are marketed through their Ordnance Division in East Camden, Arkansas. | |
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In Death of D.C. Envoy

Ex-CIA Man, 3 Exiles Linked to Car Bomb?

From Herald Staff and Wire Reports

A former CIA explosives expert and three Miami-based Cuban exiles reportedly will be sought by federal authorities soon for questioning in the investigation of last year's bomb-murder of former Chilean Ambassador Orlando Letelier, The Washington Post said today.

L. The information was attributed to informed sources.

The Post reported that Edward P. Wilson, described as the former CIA employe, also is under investigation in connection with an alleged plot to kill a political opponent of Libyan leader Col. Moammar Khadafy.

THE SOURCES said Wilson's arms-exporting business, Consultants International of Washington, had a secret contract to sell "timing pencils" — chemical detonators used to trigger bombs remotely — to libya.

Wilson reportedly was out of the



country Monday and could not be

reached for comment.

In a telephone interview with The Herald, a federal prosecutor said Monday night that he has requested all information gathered by the CIA and the Justice Department in connection with the assassination Sept. 21 on Washington's Embassy Row.

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Attorney Eugene S. Propper, who is investigating the murder, said he learned that the CIA had been looking into reports that the former CIA employe and the exiles he allegedly trained were involved in Letelier's murder.

HERBERT E. HETU, CIA public information spokesman, told The Herald that federal privacy laws prevent the agency from confirming whether Wilson ever worked for it. He said he did not personally remember him.

Quoting unnamed sources, The Post said investigators have established three possible connections with the Letelier assassination:

Wilson's secret contract with the Libyan government to manufacture and deliver timing pencils, believed to have been the means by which the Letelier assassination bomb was detonated.

Wilson's contract with Libya included a promise to supply thousands of timing pencils. "It is one of the most alarming things I've ever seen," one source said. "There were enough (timing pencils) contracted for to support terrorist activity for the rest of the century."

In addition, sources said there is some evidence that Wilson may have had contact with one or more current CIA employes who have access to timing pencils.

It is not clear from the investigation if any, or how many, timing pencils Wilson actually supplied the Libyan government.

The three unnamed Cuban exiles arrived in the Washington area three days before the Sept. 25, 1976, bombing of Letelier's car.

Letelier, 44, former Chilean ambassador to the United States, was foreign minister and minister of defense in the government of the late Chilean socialist President Salvador Allende.

At the time of his death, Letelier headed a foreign-affairs research program at the Institute for Policy Studies in Washington. A staff member of the Institute, Ronni K. Moffitt, also died in the explosion. Her husband, Michael, a research associate, survived the blast.

• One of the Cuban exiles, an explosives expert believed to have

been trained by the CIA in the 1960s, met in Miami recently with a close associate of other Cuban exiles who have been prime suspects in the Letelier case.

The three Cubans are not among the 10 anti-Castro Cubans who reportedly have been questioned by the grand jury investigating the Letelier murder.

"These are new Cubans and a completely new direction for the case," said one of The Post's sources.

The sources said, however, that the extent of Wilson's involvement if any, could not be learned until Wilson is questioned in the Libyan investigation. The sources said that justice Department attorneys are not sure if any U.S. law has been violated because the department has no jurisdiction to prosecure crimes committed abroad.

The Libyan case is in the Justice

Department criminal division for review.

THAT INVESTIGATION began last year when CIA officials learned that a former employe allegedly was recruiting Cubans for terrorist activity.

According to the sources, Wilson was acting under a contract with the Libyan government and wanted the Cubans to assassinate a Libyan who had exiled himself to Egypt much like Letelier had exiled himself to the United States after the September 1973 coup in Chile and a year of imprisonment there.

The Cubans turned down the job offer, made by Wilson at a meeting in Geneva, according to the source

Upon learning of this, the CIA asked that the FBI open an investigation of Wilson. The case was so sensitive that President Ford was informed of it.

The Libyan government has in the past supported terrorist activity. At a news conference July 19, Ford said, "We do know that the Libyan government has in many ways done certain things that might have stimulated terrorist activity."

THE SOURCES said Wilson also tried to recruit other former CIA employes to be explosives instructors in Libya.

one former CIA employe reportedly was offered \$100,000 a year but turned it down. Wilson himself had contracts valued at hundreds of thousands of dollars with Libya, according to the sources.

Wilson has declined to answer questions from FBI agents in the Libyan investigation, the sources said.

An official at Consultants International said Monday that the firm was not involved in any questionable activity.

ACCORDING TO the firm's literature, Consultant International could supply an army with patrol hoats, parachutes, airborne accessories and armor-protected vehicles.

"Armaments can be arranged to meet the requirements of the purchaser," the literature says.

Sources said that Wilson had a contract with Libya to clear land mines but that the contract was the "cover" for the real purpose, supplying detonation devices.

"Explosive detection devices."

are on the firm's sales list.

Wilson's firm has received numerous licenses from the State Department Office of Munitions Control to export arms and related material though no license has been granted to export anything to Libya, according to government records.

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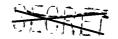
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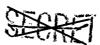
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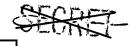
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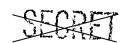
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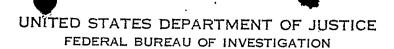
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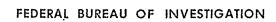
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| | Re Los Angeles letter to Bureau, 4/19/77. | |
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| | advised that he had helped open the Celesco operations at East Camden, Arkansas, and was well acquainted with individuals who did business with Celesco. He advised further that Celesco had not done business with Consultants International, Intercontinental Technology, Inc., Inter-Technology, Inc. or Stanford Technology, Inc. and that the names EDWARD TERPIL, and EDWIN PAUL WILSON meant nothing to him. | ъ6 ъ70 |
| | was Celesco at East Camden, Arkansas, and might be aware of any inquiries made by the foregoing corporations and/or individuals about possible business relations. | ь6 ь70 |
| | On 5/9/77, Celesco Industries, Inc., Ordnance Division, Highland Industrial Park, East Camden, Arkansas, advised that a review of her records failed to reflect any information which was identifiable with Consultants International, Intercontinental Technology, Inc., Stanford Technology, Inc., FRANCIS | b6 b70 |
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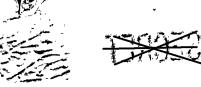
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'The Simple Truth Is That Spies Are Too Hot to Handle'

By Bob Woodward Washington Post Staff Writer

The Pentagen is abolishing its crack, super-secret intelligence unit called Task Force 157.

Successful, controversial and extremely secretive, Task Force 157 is the U.S. military's only network of undercover agents and spies operating abroad using commercial and business "cover" for their espionage.

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Run by the U.S. Navy for seven years from the ninth floor of an Alexandria, Va., office building, the unit has recently controlled as many as 75 contract agents or "spies for hire" who monitor the key ports of the world, Soviet vessels and the shipment of nuclear weapons. The current commander of the unit is Navy Capt. Darryl A. DeMaris.

One informed government source last week discussed the reasons for

abolishing the unit: "The simple truth is that spies are too hot to handle...there were too many questionable business deals. They got the job done, but the potential for abuse was too great."

Pentagon and Central Intelligence Agency spokesmen declined comment yesterday, saying that all matters relating to Task Force 157 are still classified

Other sources maintain that the decision to close the unit reflects a sense of caution that is being applied to all intelligence operations.

Task Force 157 has been involved in some of the most sensitive intelligence missions of the last decade. The unit's top secret communications channel, for example, was used to set up Henry A. Kissinger's secret 1971 visit to China.

The White House at the time con-

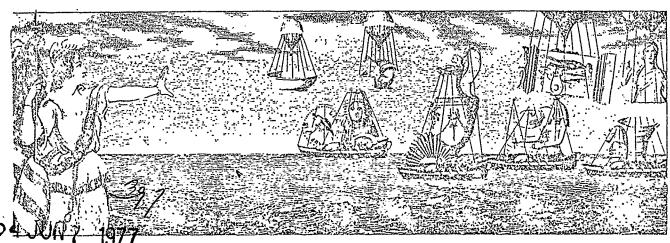
sidered it more secure from leaks than any such channels run by the CIA.

Former Chairman of, the Joint Chiefs of Staff Admiral Thomas H. Moorer confirmed yesterday that he had recommended that Task Force 157 provide the communications channel for Kissinger.

Moorer was critical of the decision to abolish the unit, saying, "I think there have been requirements for this capability in the past and there will be cases in the future."

Task Force 157 was valued in the Pentagon because it was a small, independent intelligence unit that could cut through red tape with speed and secrecy. Some Pentagon officials maintain an important capability is

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being lost not just to the Navy but to the entire intelligence community.

Following the congressional intelligence investigations, Pentagon officials, however, found they lacked the means to fully control the agents working for the small companies, of "cover" firms, called "proprietaries."

Sources said that numerous "cozy relationships" were discovered between the contract employees and firms selling equipment and supplies to Task Force 157.

The final decision to eliminate Task Force 157 was made last year and was ratified again this year in the Carter administration.

All operations are to cease or be transferred to the CIA or other intelligence agencies by Sept. 30 of this year, the sources said.

The cover for the task force is the Naval Administrative Services Command and Pierce Morgan Associates Inc., which operates as an international maritime consulting firm.

Both have offices on the ninth floor of the Seminary Plaza Professional Building, 4660 Kenmore Ave., Alexandria, Va.

One of Task Force 157's highly classified assignments has been on occasion to monitor nuclear weapons shipments aboard Soviet and other vessels as they pass through strategic shipping lane "choke points," or narrow passages, such as the Strait of Gibraltar.

The unit was involved in drawing up a report in 1973 saying the Sovie's had shipped nuclear weapons into Egypt during the October Arab-Israeli war. That classified report leaked to the news media at the time.

Other Task Force 157 projects have included the assessment of Soviet weapons capabilities for the Strategie Arms Limitation Talks (SALT), communications monitoring, and intelligence gathering for recovery of downed airplanes and sunken ships.

Tsk Force 157 also has been involved in recruiting foreign espionage agents and infiltrating international maritime unions, the sources said.

The Task Force has had 75 contract employees doing undercover work

other intelligence agencies. The unit also employs 75 military and civilian workers in Alexandria, all of whom will be transferred to other intelligence jobs

The total operating cost for the unit has been about \$5 million a year.

One contract employee for Task Force 157 from 1971-76 was Edwin P. Wilson, an ex-CIA agent. Wilson is currently under investigation by the Justice Department for allegedly selling explosive devices and related ma-

terial to the Libyan government. In addition, federal authorities are trying to determine if detonating devices made for Wilson were used in last year's bombing murder of former Chilean Ambassador Orlando Leteljer.

Wilson has denied any wrongdoing. In 1975 Wilson approached the Director of Naval Intelligence, then Rear Adm. Bobby R. Inman, with an offer to set up a counterpart to Task Force 157.

In the words of one Pentagon offi-

cial, Wilson "wanted a bag of money to set up another Task Force 157 that would do the things" that have been criticized by congressional investigators of the intelligence community.

· Inman then began an inquiry into Task Force 157 operations.

One informed government source said: "Wilson had connections to the Hill which he mentioned and to retired generals and admirals.". there is a whole string of consulting firms on K Street, selling, making proposals

and deals . . . you did not know exactly what you were getting."

The Inman investigation of Task Force 157 discovered the connections between Task Force 157 contract employees and the firms which supplied material and equipment to the operation.

As part of his duties for Task Forec 157, Wilson sold a ship to Iran for about \$350,000 supposedly for scientific purposes. In fact, it was an intelligence-gathering ship.

Inman did not discover that Wilson or anyone else profited improperly from their Task Force 157 work.

It was a loose way of doing business, Inman concluded, according to sources, and he decided to abolish the unit. Deputy Secretary of Defension in February, 1976, according to a classified memo.

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